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DEPT PASS TO DR. DAVID SENCER, CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL,
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SUBJECT: WHO SMALLPOX ERADICATION - INDIA

1. EXPECTED JAN-FEB SEASONAL SMALLPOX INCREASE AVERTED IN INDIA EXCEPT FOR BIHAR. INTENSE TRANSMISSION CONTINUES IN BIHAR ACCOUNTING FOR 65 PERCENT OF SMALLPOX IN INDIA AND 50 PERCENT OF SMALLPOX IN THE WORLD.
2. STRATEGY DEVELOPED WITH MINISTRY HEALTH AND HENDERSON IS TO CAPITALIZE ON DECREASED TRANSMISSION FROM APRIL TO JUNE BY AUGMENTING PRESENT LEVEL OF ACTIVITY. INDIAN GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY AGREED TO ADD TEN INDIAN EPIDEMIOLOGISTS WITH IN TWO WEEKS. STILL BELIEVE LARGE AREAS WILL BECOME FREE BEFORE RAINS LEAVING BIHAR AS ONLY MAJOR PROBLEM AREA.
3. STRATEGY ALSO IS TO REVERSE USUAL DECREASE OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES DURING MONSOONS, WHEN TRANSMISSION IS LOWEST AND MOST VULNERABLE TO INTERRUPTION. MINISTRY AGREES TO MAINTAIN PROGRAM STRENGTH IN UTTAR PRADESH AND TO HAVE 24 EPIDEMIOLOGISTS IN BIHAR DURING MONSOONS AND UNTIL END OF 1974. TWELVE WILL BE INDIAN AND TWELVE INTERNATIONAL.
4. FURTHERMORE, MINHEALTH NOW AGREEABLE TO WAIVE PREVIOUS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESTRICTIONS REQUIREING SMALLPOX EXPERIENCED EPIDEMIOLOGISTS.

MEDICAL OFFICERS STILL REQUIRED. SPECIFICALLY MINISTRY WILLING TO ACCEPT EIS OFFICERS. IS IT POSSIBLE FOR CDC TO PROVIDE TEN (10) EPIDEMIOLOGISTS AS WHO CONSULTANTS, FOR PERIOD JUNE 15 TO SEPT 21 AND AN ADDITIONAL TEN FOR PERIOD 15 SEPT TO 21 DEC? GROUP WOULD BE USED AS A CDC UNIT IN DIFFICULT AREAS OF BIHAR.

5. IF IT IS POSSIBLE, PROSPECTS SHOULD BE RECRUITED WITH REALIZATION THAT THIS COULD BE MOST DIFFICULT INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENT CDC HAS STAFFED. EXTENDED PERIODS IN FIELD DURING HOT WET PERIOD WILL BE THE RULE. ACCOMMODATIONS OFTEN INADEQUATE. PRINCIPLE DIVERSIONS WILL BE DIGGING OUT JEEP AND WALKING WITH DIGGING UNSUCCESSFUL. HIGH PREMIUM SHOULD BE PLACED PEOPLE F PRFKAVE DTPNELWNTED FIELD PROBLEM SOLVING ABILITIES. RECRUITS SHOULD KNOW THAT GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY ASKED THAT NO WIVES ACCOMPANY SHORT-TERM CONSULTANTS.

6. IF POSSIBLE, IDEAL SOLUTION FOR US WOULD BE TO RECEIVE TEN PERSONS SIMULTANEOUSLY AND TRAIN, BRIEF, AND SUPERVISE THEM AS A UNIT.

7. WATSON WILL WRITE DETAILED LETTER AND HENDERSON WILL CONTACT YOU ON HIS RETURN TO GENEVA.
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